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SUBJECT: INDOCHINA REFUGEES

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER FROM DEP UNHCR DATED JAN 22
ON SUBJECT: QUOTE: I SHOULD LIKE TO REFER TO YOUR LETTER
OF 20 NOVEMBER 1975 SUMMARIZING THE TOTAL U.S. CONTRIBUTION
OF US\$ 5 MILLION TO THE UNHCR ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IN
THAILAND AS OF 31 DECEMBER 1975. AS YOU KNOW, INCLUDED
WITHIN THIS TOTAL WAS AN AMOUNT OF US\$ 370,000 REPRESENTING
THE VALUE OF SOME 3,000 METRIC TONS OF 35 PERCENT GRADE
GLUTINOUS RICE ORIGINALLY DESTINED FOR THE USAID PROGRAM
IN LAOS.

THE BEST WAY TO UTILIZE THIS COMMODITY WITHIN THE
CONTEXT OF THE OVERALL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM WAS THE SUBJECT
OF PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS IN NOVEMBER BETWEEN OUR
REGIONAL OFFICE AND U.S. EMBASSY OFFICIALS IN BANGKOK.
THESE DISCUSSIONS DID NOT LEAD TO ANY DEFINITE ARRANGEMENTS,
HOWEVER, INASMUCH AS THE THAI AUTHORITIES HAD SHOWN A

GENERALLY RETICENT ATTITUDE TOWARDS ACCEPTING THIS
CONTRIBUTION, AS IT WAS ORIGINALLY INTENDED FOR A
NEIGHBOURING COUNTRY. IN ADDITION, IT WAS ESTABLISHED
THAT THE PRICES AT WHICH THE CONTRACTS HAS BEEN
NEGOTIATED WERE NOT COMPETITIVE WITH LOCAL MARKET
PRICES, IN VIEW OF THE DROP IN THE MARKET VALUE OF
RICE FROM THE TIME THESE CONTRACTS WERE CONCLUDED.
IT WAS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT THE U.S. EMBASSY
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WOULD BE CHECKING INTO THIS ASPECT FURTHER.

OUR REGIONAL OFFICE IN BANGKOK RECENTLY
CONTACTED THE REGIONAL COMMODITY MANAGEMENT OFFICER
AT THE U.S. EMBASSY IN ORDER TO SEE WHERE MATTERS
NOW STAND. WHILE HE SHARED OUR ASSESSMENT OF THE
RELATIVE PRICES, HE ALSO INFORMED US THAT THE
CONTRACTS HAVE SINCE BEEN CANCELLED. HE FURTHER
INDICATED THAT THE FUNDS COULD NOT BE 'DE-OBLIGATED'
UNTIL THE QUESTION OF A CANCELLATION FEE OF SOME
US\$ 30,000 HAD BEEN SETTLED, WHICH COULD TAKE
QUITE SOME TIME.

IN VIEW OF THESE DEVELOPMENTS WE WOULD BE
GRATEFUL IF YOU COULD LET US KNOW WHETHER THIS
PLEDGE SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE RECORDED AS A UNITED
STATES CONTRIBUTION TO THE UNHCR ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
IN THAILAND AND, IF SO, WHETHER YOU MIGHT HAVE ANY
FURTHER INFORMATION ON HOW THIS CONTRIBUTION WOULD
EVENTUALLY BE MADE AVAILABLE. UNQUOTE.DALE

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